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State law¹ requires that election officials manually audit a sample of voted ballots. This audit must be performed after each general election.

The Talbot County Board of Elections will conduct the manual ballot audit of the 2022 General Election starting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. This audit may take at least 1 day and will take place at the Talbot County Board of Elections warehouse, located at 28712 Glebe Road, Easton, MD 21601. The audit is open to the public, however space is limited.

The Talbot County Board of Elections will manually tally a sample of votes cast for Governor/Lt. Governor and compare the results of the manual tally against the results from the voting system. This process will determine whether the voting system accurately counted ballots during the 2022 General Election².

The State Board of Elections randomly selected the early voting center and election day vote center to be audited, and the Talbot County Board of Elections randomly selected the mail in and provisional ballots to be audited. Starting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, the Talbot County Board of Elections will manually tally the votes for Governor/Lt. Governor on:

1. 397 ballots cast on one scanning unit on the 1st day of early voting at the Easton Fire House EV01.
2. 179 ballots cast on election day in Precinct 02002.
3. 25 mail in ballots
4. 15 provisional ballots

¹See Election Law Article, §11-309 of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*. This requirement introduced as House Bill 1278 of the 2018 Legislative Session and is reported as Chapter 523 of the 2018 Laws of Maryland.

²Before the 2022 General Election was certified, the State Board of Elections conducted an automated audit of **all** of the ballots cast in the 2022 General Election. The results of this audit confirmed the accuracy of the voting system. The results of the automated audit are at:

https://elections.maryland.gov/voting_system/ballot_audit_plan_automated.html